



FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS

Beyond beginning readers!

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things

by Lenore Look • illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Alvin Ho is scared of EVERYTHING. He's so scared of school that he doesn't talk while he's there, but that doesn't stop him from thinking up new ways to make friends. First in a series. *Schwartz & Wade, 2008*

Anna Hibiscus

by Atinuke • illustrated by Lauren Tobia

Anna Hibiscus loves living with her big, happy family in Africa. There's just one thing missing – SNOW. First in a series. *Kane/Miller, 2010*

Babymouse: Queen of the World

by Jennifer Holm and Matthew Holm

In this graphic novel, Babymouse craves excitement, adventure, glamour, and an invitation to Felicia Furrypaws' slumber party. First in a series. *Random House, 2005*

Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery

by Deborah and James Howe • illustrated by Alan Daniel

Harold the dog tells the story of Bunnicula, a rabbit who might be a vampire. First in a series. *Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1979*

Clementine

by Sara Pennypacker • illustrated by Marla Frazee

Clementine is smart and creative, but sometimes things don't go the way she plans. First in a series. *Hyperion Books for Children, 2006*

EllRay Jakes Is NOT A Chicken!

by Sally Warner • illustrated by Jamie Harper

EllRay Jakes needs to stay out of trouble for just one week to earn a trip to Disneyland. First in a series. *Viking Juvenile, 2011*

Fantastic Mr. Fox

by Roald Dahl • illustrated by Quentin Blake

Who would dare steal food from Boggis, Bunce and Bean? Mr. Fox! Find out how he outfoxes the meanest farmers around. *Knopf, 1970*

The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau

by Dan Yaccarino

"The best way to observe a fish is to become a fish," said Jacques Cousteau. Read about his life and his underwater explorations. *Knopf, 2009*



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Fenway Foul-Up (Ballpark Mysteries)

by David A. Kelly • illustrated by Mark Meyers

Cousins Mike and Kate are watching the Red Sox take batting practice when star player Big D's bat is stolen. Can they find the bat and solve the mystery? First in a series. *Random House, 2011*

Frogs

by Nic Bishop

Nic Bishop's amazing photographs give you an up-close and personal view of frogs from around the world. *Scholastic, 2008*

The Golden Ghost

by Marion Dane Bauer • illustrated by Peter Ferguson

Do you believe in ghosts? What about ghosts who are dogs? Delsie didn't either, until one fateful day. *Random House, 2011*

Have a Hot Time, Hades! (Myth-O-Mania)

by Kate McMullan

You only *think* you know about the Greek gods. Hades will tell you the real story. *Stone Arch Books, 2011*

How to Train Your Dragon

by Cressida Cowell

Hiccup isn't big or courageous. Can he train a dragon and save his village? First in a series. *Little Brown, 2004*

The Lemonade War

by Jacqueline Davies

At the end of the summer, siblings Evan and Jessie battle to see who can earn more money selling lemonade. First in a series. *Houghton Mifflin, 2007*

Mirror, Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse

by Marilyn Singer • illustrated by Josee Masse

A collection of fairy-tale inspired poems that mean one thing when read from top to bottom and something totally different when read from bottom to top. *Dutton, 2010*

A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis

by Matt De La Pena • illustrated by Kadir Nelson

In 1938, African American Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis brought Black and White Americans together when he fought Max Schmeling, a boxer from Nazi Germany. *Dial, 2011*

Once I Ate a Pie

by Patricia MacLachlan and Emily MacLachlan Charest • illustrated by Katy Schneider

Poems about thirteen dogs with a variety of personalities. *Harper Collins, 2010*

Ottoline Goes To School

by Chris Riddell

When Ottoline goes to the Alice B. Smith School for the Differently Gifted, she has two mysteries to solve: What is her gift? And is the school really haunted? *Harper Collins, 2009*

Owly, Volume I: The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer

by Andy Runton

In this pair of graphic novels, Owly rescues Wormy from a rain puddle, becomes friends with lightning bugs, and sets out on a cross country trek. First in a series. *Top Shelf, 2004*

So You Want to be an Explorer?

by Judith St. George • illustrated by David Small

Discover the tales of over 50 explorers and their adventures. *Philomel Books, 2005*

Spaceheadz

by Jon Scieszka with Francesco Sedita • illustrated by Shane Prigmore

Being the new kid is bad enough; it's even more awkward if your only friends claim to be aliens. Will Matthew make it through the school year? First in a series. *Simon & Schuster, 2010*

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